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The Dolphins danger:
and Deliuerance.

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ber but 36. Men and 2. Boyes, who were on
the 12. of Ianuary 1616. set vpon by 6. Men of
Warre of the Turkes hauing at the least 1500. Men in
them, who fought with them 4. houres and a halfe,
yet to the glory of God and the honor of
our English Nation, both Shippe and
goods safely brought to the Harbor
of Thames and deliuered.

Truely set forth by the appointment of M. Howard
Nichols, being Maister of the said Ship.

With the names of all those that were flaine on the English
part, the manner how, and how many were shott dead,
and what they are that seruice.

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To the High and mighty Charles
Prince of Wales, Duke of Corne-
wall, Torke, and Albanie, Earle
of Chester, and Knight of
the most noble order of
the Garter.



RIGHT Gracious Prince, (I
your humble Vassall) beeing im-
boldened by your innated gene-
rous acceptation of all good in-
deavours, to present your High-
nes with this poore piece of a shadow of the sub-
stantiall perills that I haue escaped, which for
my part had neuer bene published, but that it was
falsly printed without my knowledge, which for
the regard I haue to the truth and mine owne
Credite, I could doe no lesse then contradict with
a Refutation of falshood. I humbly implore

The Epistle.

your Highnes to bestow your gracious reading of
the infallible verity of the truth, which if you
vouchsafe, you shall therein see Gods
power manifested when man is at the
weakest. So wishing your High-
nes all earthly and hea-

venly felicity, I

remaine.

Your humble and obedient Servant.

EDWARD NICHOLLS



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*A Footlesse Satire upon him that
made, or rather mard the for-
mer Booke.*

Rish stoath of gold vnto a Butcher brought,
It shall be mard, not made, quite sham'd, not fram'd:
When worser stuffe by a good Worke-man wrought,
Becomes the owner, makes the maker sham'd.
Rare Phisicke, as it is abus'd, or vs'd,
As is the Doctors Ignorance, or skill:
Such operation from it is infus'd,
That it doth helpe, or hurt, or cure, or kill.
Vnto the stuffe the fault we cannot put,
Nor to the Phisicke, w^{ch} the crime apply:
The Bungling Taylor spoyleth when he did cut,
And want of skill did cause the patient dye.
Then let a botching patcher borch and mend,
Let Moustebankes giue Phisicke vnto dogs:
Let Coopers on their haoples Tubs attend,
And Millers deale no further then their Cogges.
For, when a witlee Rooke shall undertake,
Of such employts as these to make a Booke:
The ancient Proverb be true, he seeme to make
God send good meat, the Diuell send a Cooke.
Why, such a worke as this deserves to haue
A *Houers*, or a *Virgils* skill to giue in
And not an ignorant intruding R—
Whose blindness did in every place misplace it.
Some lies some truthe together cram'd and thrust,
Quite out of Time like mustard after meat:
That 'tis a wonder such a fellow durst
VVith wit so little, write of things so great.
VVhere thirty fine men and two boyes in fight,
Gainst fiftene hundred were sixe houres oppos'd:

Boorded.

A Satire.

Boarded with multitudes, with murther and might;
Reund with the sores, and fiery flames inclos'd,
Where death was scord'd and valour was belov'd,
Where victory was that, at which they sym'd;
Where noble Resolution was aproov'd
Where Fame adornes, the sound, dead, hurt and main'd,
What subject could a pen more Ample find
(If all were written in particular)
From Thames, vnto the farthest shore of Inde,
Or from the Arctick coth' Antartick flame,
Why should a fellow, being there in place,
Remember not himselfe, or any other;
But bury all their glory in disgrace,
And each mans Acts in darke oblivion smother;
O! tis a hell of hells, and shame of shames,
Where men shall iustly dare to fight and dye;
And writers will not register their names,
When naming makes them live Immortally.
To shew how valiant men doe spend their blood,
It doth each worthy heart with courage flake,
To Imitate the actions that are good,
And by example to attemp the like.
But when a man shall for a certaine know,
That with his life, his memory must fall,
And no Records his worthinesse shall show,
These meanes will make sturke Cowards of vs all.
Then these poore lines shall make these men suruiue,
Vnto the vrmost end of time or fate;
They liu'd and dyed, and dead, are still aliue,
In Name, in Fame, in Earthly, Heauenly state,
And as for him that writ the Booke before,
Let him write better, or else write no more.

John Taylor.

The Dolphins danger and Deliu-
uerance: Being a Shippe of London of

1000 Tunnes, hauing in her but 36.
men, and two Boyes.



He Almighty Creator,
(who onely worketh
wonders) confounding
strong things by weake
meanes, as *Dauids Sling*,
Samears Goad, *Sampsons*
Law-bone, *Gedeons Pitchers*, the great Cap-
taine, *Sifers* and *Holofernes* kil'd by two feely
weake Woemen. All these and innumera-
ble examples more there are both in diuine
and humane Histories, which demonstrates
that victory doth not consist in the Arme of
flesh, but in the omnipotent Lord of Hosts,
and God of Battles.

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The Consideration of which makes vs with thankfulness to commemorate this our great Deliueraunce, from so imminent dangers, and sharpe Assaults, as few, or none hath more cause to bethankfull for the like, and not to attribute any thing to my selfe being the Maister of the Ship, or with ostentation to puffe vp any of my Company, but giuing the glory to whom glory belongs, I proceed.

About the end of this last yeare, our affaires beeing accomplisht at Zant, our Ship called the *Dolphin* of London, of the burthen of 120. Tunne, hauing in her 19. cast Pieces, and 5. Murtherers 36. Men and two Boyes, the Maisters name *Edward Nichols*, a man whose courage, industry, knowledge, and integrity, are manifested by his actions in former times, but now more particularly in this last and perilous aduenture, we being laden weyed our Anchor, and set saile from Zant the first of Ianuary 1616. with a faire gale of winde at North and by East the 8. of Ianuary, we had sight of the Iland of Sardaine,

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daine, then the wind beeing come Westerly, wee on the ninth day stood for *Callery*, we came close by two litle watch Towers, who shot two shot neere vs to giue warning to vs, that they would speak with vs, which night would not permit, for if wee could haue sent a shore to them, their intent was to haue informed vs of the Turkes men of war, which after we met withall to our cost and perrill and theirs to, for these townes were not about two Leagues off from the place where wee made our fight. At night (being calme) we sailed towards Cape Pola, which small gale brought vs neere to the Cape the 11. day About 2. of the Clock after noone. Three Leagues Eastward of the aforesaid Cape, we destroyed a Sarry, which is a small coasting Vessell, sent at that time for a scour or spye, belonging to the Turks men of Warr: who kept sight of vs in the evening neere the Ile of Sardinie, which belongs to the King of Spaine. The said Sarry putting forth a light aloft, to giue a signe to the rest of his associates that hee had espied

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vs, and the more to delude vs, they let the light sodainly fall, that we might imagine it to be the shooting of a Starre.

The 12. of Ianuary in the morning about 4. of the clocke we had better sight of the Sattie, and we perceiued that she stood in to get betwixt the shore and vs, which made vs doubt she had more fellowes not far off, as not long after wee found: the M^r. presently sent one to the top mast head who presently discouered 3. Ships more making towards vs before the wind being then at west South west, which the Maister with a prospectiue glasse perceiu'd to be the Turks men of war. The first of them booming by himselve before the wind with al his failes abroad, without colours or Flag, yet at present boording he put his flag out as we imagined: After him came 2. ships more of greater burthen then the first, and next one more which put his Flag in the main top as we perceiued afterward: then came the 3. and last much greater in bignes and force then any of the rest, all strongly prepared to offend and defend

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send in any Godles desperate assault, our M.
perceiuing their readines, made speedy pre-
paration for the incounter with our Ordi-
nance and small shot, and other defensiu
munition, first perswading his men with
most Christian and manly Resolution by
prayer first to recommend their soules,
their bodies, and their actions to their God
and Sauour, which being done they went
to dinner, after which the M^r. againe exhor-
ted them in this manner. Contrymen and
fellowes, you see into what an exigent it
hath pleased God to suffer vs to fall into, let
vs remember that we are but men, and must
die of necessity, when, where and how, is on-
ly in Gods knowledge & appointment, but
if it be his pleasure, that this must be the last
of our dayes, his will be done, and let vs for
his glory, our soules welfare, our Countries
honor & the credit of our selues, fight it va-
liantly to the last gaspe: let vs prefer a noble
death before a slavish life, & if we die let vs
die to gaine a better life, for mine own part
qd. he, I will see that if we escape this dan-
ger, that if any be hurt & maimd in the fight

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they shall bee carefully provided for their health and maintenance whilst they liue afterward, therefore bee resolute stand to it, heere is no shrinking, but force perforce we must be men or slaues, die with me, or if you will not, I by Gods grace will dye with you.

These cheerfull words had been sufficient to put courage into faint hartles Cowards: but much more it emboldened vs that were feareles before, for wee all expected greedily to make prooffe of the successe: at which the Maister caused his Trumpets twice to haile them, but they not regarding vs, scorned to answer vs, then the M. went vp the poop and waied his sword 3. or 4. times ouer his head, brandishing it with such dreadles resolution, as if the day had beene ours already: then the Trumpets sounded a charge, which warlik noyse inspired vs with new courage, & beeing within shot of them our M^r. commanded his Guaner to make his leuell & to shoot, went close by his quarter that was neerest vs, shot on purpose to misse him, as a warning what kind welcome they

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they wereto haue at our hands at which the
formost ship came vp to vs apace, being al-
most becalmed, or with very little winde,
returning vs worse then wee sent for their
first shorkild vs a man, so betwixt vs for a
good space was a most furious encounter,
they hauing aduantage of vs by reason of
the winde, presently layde vs a boord with
one of their shippes, this was neere about
eleauen of the clocke, then they founded
their Trumpets, and gaue such a showt as
if they had won the victory already. Bur
God, that neuer leaues those that put their
confidence in him, cheared our Maister
and Company with such manly fortitude,
that presently our Trumpets founded and
answered them with a charge. (Which
Trumpeter was presently slaine, as shalbe
after related,) and the Boatswaine winding
his whistle, that pell-mell we fell to it, in
such feirce manner that their great ordi-
nance had torne our shippe that wee vsed
our Gunes cleare of the ports, for they had
left vs no port on the quarters but all open,

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but we not failing to pay them as well on their bow, to their great dismaying, for we had not left them one man aliue from their maine-mast forward; besides we dismounted their ordinance, & tore them so neer the water that their cheife Commanders were forced with their Cuttleaxes to beate their owne men, to force them to make more hast to vngrapple from vs then they did to boord vs.

All this time the Maister Vigillently went to and frow encouraging his men, sometimes in the Gunner roome, sometimes at the hearme, sometimes on the port as ocasion serued, and where his presence was most needfull. This first fight continued two howers, the ship was in burden, two hundred tunnes, or thereabouts, and had in her 25. peices of ordinance, and about 250. men, the Captaine of her, wee imagine was one *Walsingham*, which should be an English man by that name, and Admirall of himselfe for so it signified by his Flag in his mainetop, they boorded vs on

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our Larboord quarter, armed with fauchions, hatchets, and halfe pikes, they staid aboard vs halfe an hower, tearing vp our naileboards, vpon the poope and the Traphatch, but wee hauing a murtherer in the round house kept the lardboord-side cleare, whilest our men with the other ordinance, and muskets, and a murtherer in our Traphatch, playd vpon them and their ship, yet for all this they paid our gallery with smal shot that we were much endangered, but at last we shot her through and through, and they vs likewise, that being fearefull to be sunke she bore a head from vs and lay by the lee to mend her leakes, this fight was so neere the shore, that the inhabitants set vp a glasse and found it lasted two howers and a halfe, and this was the first encounter in which was kild fūe men and a little boy, the manner how they were slaine shalbe at the end of the booke.

Now the Second incounter as wee suppose was with Captaine Kelleys Ship that

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came likewise vp with his flag in the maine top, and another Ship with his Flag in the fore top, which Shippes were at least three hundred tunneapeece or thereabouts, and had in each of them twenty eight or thirty peeces of Ordinance, and about two hundred & fifty men, so they laid vs aboard on the Starbord quarter, and the other on the Larbord, where entring our ship thicke and threefold, with their semiters, hatchers, halfe pikes and other weapons, put vs in great danger both of the losse of our Ship and our liues, for they performed much man-hood and many dangerous hazards, amongst which there was one of their company, that desperately went vp into our maine top to fetch downe our Flag, which being spied by the Steward of our Ship, presently shot him with his Musquet that hee fell tumbling vpon our decke, and presently Cast ouerbord by their owne men, as they did the rest, leaving the Flag behind him, so these two shippes fought with vs with great resolution, playing vpon vs with

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with their Ordinance and small shot, for the space of an hower and a halfe, of whom we receiued some hurt, and likewise they of vs, but when they could not preuaile, nor any way make vs to yeeld, they bore vp and passed from vs to lay their ships by the lee to stop their leaks, for wee had grievously battered them with our great Ordinance, and this was the second attempt they made vpon vs.

Now for the third, there came one more of theirs ships of two hundred tunne, that had 30. pieces of Ordinance, and at the least two hundred and 30. men all well provided as might be, which was as we thought too great a number for vs, being so few in our ship, but God that was our friend gaue vs such strength and successe that they little prouailed against vs, for at their first comming vp, notwithstanding all their multitude of men, wee shot her quite thorough and thorough, we entertained her with two minion and three sacre, on our starboard side, then she fell to our Larboard side,

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side, and then we welcom'd her with a sacre in our bow, two minion and, one demiculuerin, which made her forsake vs and lye by the lee, as the others did before: but the other ship remaining, greater then the rest, in burden 500. tunnes with 650. men, laid vs aboard on the Starbord side, and in that quarter they entred our ship, with their Semiters, Fauchions, halfe Pikes, and other weapons, running to and fro vpon the deck crying still in the Turkish tongue, and some English, yeeld your selues, promising we should be well vsed, and one third part of our goods deliuered backe, with such like faire promises: at which one of our company told the Maister of the large offer of the Turkes, perswading him to yeeld, but the Maister replied, away villaine, I will neuer giue them part or quarter, whilst I haue quarters to my body. Who beeing thus resolved, some of our men plyed our Ordinance against them, some played with the small shot, some with other weapons, as swords and halfe Pikes and suchlike, in midst

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middest of which skirmish, it so happened by ill chance that they seeing that we would not yeeld to composition fired our ship in three places in the Maisters Cabbin, the gallery, with wild fire balls cast into the hold and so left vs, besides our gunnes and theirs fired the Carpenters cabbin, that wee and the ship was fired, and in great danger to be lost and cast away, had not the Lord in his mercy preserved vs, and sent vs meanes happily to quench it, but now marke the accident, the fier being perceiued by our enemies to burne outragiously, and thinking that our Shippe would haue therewith being sodainly burned to the water, they left vs to our fortunes, falling a sterne from vs, and so wee put to the shoare vnder a Towre, for some succour, where wee let an Anchor fall thinking to ride there all that night, which wee had no sooner done, but we saw the great ship that parted from vs, in our iudgement beare vpon vs, and at that time the ship that neuer boarded vs shot a peece of ordinance, while wee were

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preparing for another incourer and so we were forced to wey our Anchor, and set sayle to get better succour, and the enemy being weary of our company hoyft out their boates to mend their leakes, wherevpon we put into the roade betweene the two little towers, where wee sent our maymed gunner ashore to one of those towers, to make shot at the enemy if need were, where we lay five daies, mending the bruises and leakes of our ship: the losses we receiued in the aforesaide fight, were sixe Men and one Boy, which were killed outright, and there were hurt eyght men and one Boy more: but the Lord doth know what damage we put them to, and what number wee slew in their ships.

There is one thing more worthy of remembrance of our Chirurgeon whose name was Robert Groue, who as hee was dressing one of our men in the hold of our Ship, a Ball of Wildfire fell into his Bason which he thinking to cast ouer board it fell vpon the decke, which had greatly endangered

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ya but that hee desolately fell vpon it and
rolling in it smothered it ouer with his
body. The Turke trumpetters were aboard
and sounded their Trumpets; yet notwithstanding,
our men assaulted them so furiously
that they forced them off, and the Bol
swaine (seeing them flye) most vndanted
ly with a whistle bloud them to the skir
mish; if so they durst. The Captains of
three of their Ships were English men, as
was that which took part with the Turks
that roole and spoyle vpon the Ocean;
their names were *Walsingham*, *Kelly*, *John
Sampson*, a pious blow boe as, a honest
3. Vp vnder it, of Januarye, the 11. came ad
board, certain Spanish ships in the morning
betimes, to witness what hurt we had recei
ued, what loss our men had, and what a
short while yett, and howe we were such
might bury them, but as we were about
making their graues, and covering the bod
ies with earth, that came sailing by a Fla
mish Ship, of sweet Isidore name, which the
enemy in the dark thought had bene vs,

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and so let her passe, which had in her five
or six thousand pounds, which had bene
chased with thole men of waire that had
fought with vs before, all which mony they
brought in a long boate to the shore, and
left in the ship onely three men, which were
two Saylers and one Soldier, that after
wards within two daies brought the said
ship into the Road of Gallary, not any thing
at all indangered, God be praised.

Vpon the 11. of the same Month when we
came from the burying of our men, & had
rested our selues in our Shippe some two or
3. houres, as God would haue it, the wind
began to blow a strong gale, and by little &
little grew to be a terrible tempest; through
which from Sunday night till Friday in the
euening we lay in such extremity of wea-
ther, a maine, winde, lightening and thun-
der, that we thought we should neuer haue
got cleare from the Road where we lay, du-
ring which storme and tempest there dyed
one of our men, that had bene hurt in the
fight, whose body we cast ouerbord, into the

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Sea, without any other buriall, and so when the
winde and sea a little calmed, wee set vp saile
and came forward: but within three dayes af-
ter we buried 3. men more in the sea, and the
same afternoon we arrived in the Road of Cal-
lery, and lay at anchor, where againe searching
our Ship, we found it rent and torne in many se-
ueral places, so in Callery we mended our Ship;
and hired certaine men there to help vs to stop
her leakes, and fith her Masts, and hauing all
thinges fitting for our Voyage homewards,
vpon the 30. day of Ianuary we committed our
selues againe vnto the Sea, so leauing Cal-
lery wee came forward with a Frenchman,
who was bound to a place Orestone, some thir-
ty Leagues from Callery, where after two daies
we left his company being the first day of Fe-
bruary, and after that putting forwards still
towards England, we are now by Gods assist-
ance safely arriued at London, to the contentati-
on of our Owners, and the comfort of our
selues that (by the Almightyes protection) haue
escaped so many dangers. *God be praised.*

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W After Perseus the first was kild, being shot in the belly.

2 Thomas Shephard quarter maister, his head shot off.
3 ~~William Smith~~ the gunner, was wounded in the head and
one arme shot off, yet he sounded till another great shot broke
on his other arme, with his Trumpet and all, then after hee
was kild with a shot through the body.

4 William Russell, quarter maister, had one arme first shot
off, after ward he was shot through and kild.

5 John Smith, the crowne of his head shot off.

6 Benjamin Cornwallius a boy, shot in the throte, kild.

7 David Faule, misters mate, shot in the groyne, kild.

These men were kild during the battle.

These men died within 4 or 5 dayes, after were cast into the sea.

8 Mr. Blackstar, quarter M^r. his leg maym'd & burnt blind, yet
he labored to quench the ship being fired.

9 Thomas Winger, a youth, the Masters servant, his shoul-
der blade shot off and lived three dayes.

10 William Tamer, Trumpetter, burnt with wilde fire, that he
flamed like a fiery man all over, when John Ross Butler cast wa-
ter on him, to quench him, he lived 5 dayes in great paine: in
the night an arrow came betwixt the Masters legs at the helme
and ran into the said Tamer in his leg, which the Master pulled out.

11 John Prestin, a youth, kild with a musket.

These following, were maym'd and hurt, and are living.

2 Robert Wilby Masters mate, shot in the thigh.

3 Thomas Wright gunner, with shot & colintars hurt in 12 places.

4 Thomas Daniell, burnt with powder, and lost an eye.

5 Robert Dwyer, the Masters boy, shot in the belly, lived.

These men are alive without hurt.

Edward Norton Master, shot with a small shot, that tore his
hese and stockings through, and gave him leg a good wound
times shot through the hose. Frie, Constable Boatswaine, John
Ross Butler, William Butler Carpenter, Tho. Ross Gunners
mate, Will. Moore Gunner Gunner, Will. Collins Servant, Robt.
Grone Chirurgeon, John Adiney Couper, Christo. Aulsen Cock-
son, Hum^r. Lee, Boatsons mate. Will. Renfree gunner M^r. Will.
Chalicom, Isake Warrington Trumpeters. Thos. Anderson, Tho.
Spurden Nicke. Wilkinson, Henry Low, Cornelius Scot, Philip a
welchman, Soylets, the rest were passengers.



